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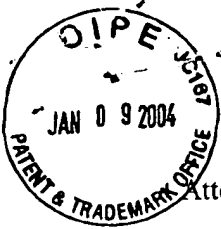
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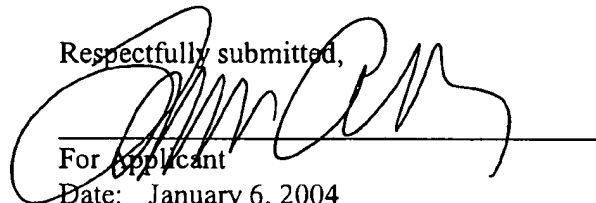
REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

Applicants have received a *Notice of Allowance*, dated December 31, 2003, in the above-identified application, which was responsive to applicants' amendment filed on November 25, 2003. Therefore, the RCE which applicants submitted on December 24, 2003, was not necessary to obtain the *Notice of Allowance*.

Counsel respectfully requests that the amount of ~~\$770~~ be credited to counsel's Deposit Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

Respectfully submitted,


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